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SUBJ: KOIRALA ARREST AND TRIAL

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1. ACCORDING TO USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE GOVERNMENT
WILL BEGIN TRIAL OF B.P. KOIRALA IN MID-FEBRUARY.
SAME SOURCE REPORTS THAT GOVERNMENT HAD DECIED TO
SENTENCE KOIRALA TO 20 YEARS IMPRISONMENT WHICH,
GIVEN HIS AGE AND HEALTH, AMOUNTS TO A LIFE SENTENCE.
KING WILL, HOWEVER, COMMUTE SENTENCE AT END OF TWO
OR THREE YEARS, ASSUMING KOIRALA'S CONGRESS PARTY
FOLLOWERS CREATE NO SERIOUS DIFFICULTY DURING THAT
TIME. KOIRALA HAS REFUSED IMPLICIT OFFER OF GOVERN-
MENT THAT HE CAN GO FREE AT ANY TIME HE PUBLICILY
ACCEPTS PANCHAYAT SYSTEM AND MONARCHY.

2. COMMENT: DESPITE ANTICIPATED SEVERITY OF SEN-
TENCE ATMOSPHERE OF CALM DOMINATES KATHMANDU POLITICAL
SCENE. EVEN THOSE NORMALLY FRIENDLY TO CONGRESS PARTY
DISCLAIM ANY UNDERSTANDING OF WHY KOIRALA SHOULD CHOOSE
POLITICAL MARTYRDOM AT THIS POINT. STUDENTS AND OTHER
YOUNG ACTIVISTS ALSO APPEAR TO ACCEPT THE INEVITABLE
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TRIAL WITHOUT PROTESTS, A SIGN PERHAPS, THAT KOIRALA
AND HIS FOLLOWERS ARE VICTIMS OF TIME AND THE GENERA-
TION GAP. THE GOVERNMENT IS MOVING CAUTIOUSLY WITH
THE KOIRALA CASE AND WILL PROBABLY HAVE CONSIDERABLE
EVIDENCE TO CONVICT HIM UNDER PUBLIC SECURITY ACT.
ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO WORD YET WHETHER TRIAL WILL BE
PUBLIC WE ANTICIPATE THAT GOVERNMENT WILL CAREFULLY

CONTROL INFORMATION ABOUT IT.

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